

Battenburg, Prince Louis of
[Kent House, Isle of Wight
England)

1916

July 21st, 1916.

Prince Louis of Battenberg,
Kent House,
Isle of Wright,
England.

Your Royal Highness:-

On June 9th we sent you an advanced copy of a pamphlet on United States War Medals, and we trust you received it safely.

Some time ago Mr. Elder asked us to send him for you certain photographs of naval medals of honor. At that time we did not understand that you might want them for reproduction, and sent him half-tones. If there are any of the original photographs, which we have reproduced in this pamphlet of Mr. Belden's, that you desire, we can send them to you without doubt.

We are to-day mailing to Mr. Elder photographs of the Spanish Campaign for the Navy and Cuban Pacification badges.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

V. W.

Curator.

TEL. 20 COWES.

4 August/16.

KENT HOUSE,

EAST COWES,

ISLE-OF-WIGHT.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 21st
ultimo just to hand.
Many thanks.

I gratefully received
the copy of "U.S. War
Medals" (a most
valuable work) &
wrote on June 30th
to Mr. Belden (who,
I understood, had sent

me the book) to
thank him, at the
same time asking
some questions re these
medals.

The only two medal
medals I do not
possess are:

(1) The West Indies Campaign
medal 1898 (Plates VIII, 45 & IX, 53)

(2) The Cuban Pacification
medal, 1908 (Plates VIII, 49 & IX, 57)

I am anxious to
reproduce them in my

book & if I could
obtain originals, I
sh^d be very grateful
of photographs of the
two Obverses (the
Reverses - both Navy & Marine
Cops) I have, since
the whole seven War
medals have the same
Reverse.

I note what
you say about sending
these photos to Mr.
Elder for me, but fear

there may be some
confusion, as I
possess the Spanish
Campaign Medal for
1898, but not the
West India's Campaign
as stated overleaf.

I am most grate-
ful to the American
Numismatic Society for
their help & remain

Yr. very faithfully
Louis Dabner
Admiral F. R. N. S.

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October 2nd, 1916.

Prince Louis of Battenberg,
Kent House,
Isle of Wright,
England.

Your Royal Highness:-

Under separate cover I am sending you all of the photographs pertaining to the Navy that we used in the monograph on war medals by Mr. Belden. These you can do as you want with, cut them apart if you so desire, but eventually we would like them returned to us. There is absolutely no haste in this matter.

You will notice that most of these photographs are a trifle larger than the medals, but our reduction sizes are placed on the mounts, and as you either have the medals themselves or the reproductions, you should have no difficulty in getting these straightened out.

There is also a medal given by the Treasury Department to the crew of the revenue cutter Hudson for rescuing the torpedo boat Winslow at Cardenas, May 11th, 1898, described on page 341, in the catalogue of Coins and Medals in the United States Mint at Philadelphia. This rare medal we do not possess, and have been able to get but little information concerning it from either the Navy or the Treasury Department. All we have seen have been proofs without attachments, and do not know if the medal had attachments and ribbon.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

Curatof.

TEL. 20 COWES.

20 Oct 16

KENT HOUSE,

EAST COWES,

ISLE-OF-WIGHT.

Dear Sir,

I return herewith,
most gratefully, the
photos you so kindly
sent me. I now
possess all the Naval
medals in Mr.

Belden's monograph.

I happen to have
a good cast of the
Cardena medal for
mention. It is

Very fine. I don't
understand why
it is possible to
buy bronze specimens
of the many medals
Congress ordered to
be struck when we
fought each other
100 years ago &
were of the recent war.

Believe me
Yrs faithfully
Lorris Patterson

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November 13, 1916.

Prince Louis of Battenberg

Kent House,

Isle of Wight,

England.

Your Royal Highness:-

I beg to acknowledge your favor of October 20th together with the photographs of the naval medals.

I do not wonder that you do not understand why it is possible to get bronze specimens from the mint of our early medals and none of our late medals. On the face of it it would look like unfair partiality. The facts of the case are these; Until comparatively recent years, replicas of nearly everything could be bought of the mint, including patterns of coins, experimental pieces and copies of silver and gold coins in base metals. To-day, on account of the abuse that crept in and the laxity of the laws, the mint regulations are now very strict so that it is impossible to get patterns of coins, and replicas of modern medals without special permission of the Department authorizing the medal originally. The law, however, does not apply to those medals that were authorized before the present regulations came into effect. Your point is well taken and I feel inclined to present it sometime when opportunity presents itself.

The pamphlet sent you sometime ago on our war medals will be released for the public on the 15th of this month. If you desire to make additional copies or want any placed in Naval Libraries or Archives, let me know and I will try to accommodate you provided the limited supply is available.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

Curator.